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AMENDMENT NO. _____

Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To provide adequate funding for enforcement of gun laws.

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. DURBIN, for himself, Mrs. BOXER and Mr. LAUTENBERG

Viz:

Increase function 750 Administration of Justice by the following amounts:

FY 2001 Budget Authority \$283,890,000

FY 2001 Outlay \$121,341,000

FY 2002 Outlay \$84,399,000

FY 2003 Outlay \$68,925,000

FY 2004 Outlay \$9,225,000

Decrease the tax cuts in the resolution by the following amounts:

FY 2001 \$121,341,000

FY 2002 \$84,399,000

FY 2003 \$68,925,000

FY 2004 \$9,225,000

And make other corresponding changes to the aggregates and other levels in this resolution to carry out the purposes of the amendment.

At the appropriate place, add the following:

SEC. . SENSE OF THE SENATE ON PROVIDING ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR
ENFORCEMENT OF FIREARMS LAWS

(a) Findings: The Senate finds that--

- (1) President Clinton has proposed a gun enforcement initiative to add 500 new federal ATF agents and inspectors to target violent gun criminals and illegal gun traffickers and fund over 1000 new federal, state, and local prosecutors to take dangerous gun offenders off the streets.
- (2) In 1998, the number of authorized ATF agents was 1631, which is only 9 more than the agency had in 1973.
- (3) ATF agents are responsible for investigating bombings, arson, and federal firearms violations, as well as enforcing the laws on the sale of alcohol and collecting tobacco taxes.

- (4) Despite major crime events such as the bombings at the World Trade Center, in Oklahoma City and at Atlanta's Centennial Park, the number of actual "street level" ATF agents responsible for criminal case referrals dropped from 1521 in 1990 to 1212 in 1998.
- (5) In addition, the number of authorized ATF inspectors dropped from 826 in 1973 to 702 in 1998.
- (6) ATF inspectors are responsible for inspecting 104,000 federally licensed firearms dealers, manufacturers, importers, collectors and pawn brokers.

(b) Sense of the Senate: It is the sense of the Senate that Congress should appropriate \$283,890,000 for fiscal year 2001 to fund the Gun Enforcement Initiative budget proposal to add 500 new federal ATF agents and inspectors and over 1000 new federal, state and local prosecutors for enforcement of firearms laws.

VOTE ON:

DATE:

YEA

NAY

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Dudu - Gun laws

by voice vote
with Domenici
Substitute

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